

CAPITAL SITE CHANGE LIKELY

Contest Over Real Estate Increases Building Mud- dle in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 24.—More than ordinary interest attaches to the decision in the federal court at St. Paul, involving the Oklahoma capital site. By the decision, the heirs of Henry Howe, former minister of the gospel, who, it is alleged, made a false claim to the land in 1889, will recover the property pending an appeal which probably will be taken to the supreme court. Howe was the father of Ed. W. Howe, of the Atchison Globe, and perhaps the world's best newspaper paragrapher.

The United States circuit court held that Milton E. Parker and others were rightful owners. Oklahoma City real estate men purchased part of the property from Parker and donated it as a site for a free capital. The land will revert to the Howe heirs and the location of the new state's seat of government consequently will be affected, as the Howe heirs may not desire to break up the tract.

Court Costs are \$10,000.
A giant struggle of pioneers whose greed for land at the opening of Oklahoma on April 22, 1889, made the then territory a passing stage of picturesque outlaws is recited in the history of the case. Also a legal battle that has extended over a period of 22 years, involving court fees estimated at \$40,000 and a list of reversals and remanding of court opinions rivaling the lightning changes of the chameleon. The court, in its opinion, freely lauds the Howe heirs for maintaining their fight and freely condemns "the perfidious and base breach of trust" methods employed by the score or more of informers and alleged claimants, who have spent the major portion of their lives in an attempt to get a clear title to the land comprising a tract of 160 acres.

Relative to the two principal claimants to the property who carried their case to the secretary of the interior, the court says: "The vice of so gross a breach of trust cannot be extracted nor can so perfidious a course be rendered fair, just or right by the absence of objection by local land officers or the silence of helpless victims." The case is styled *Arthur Bruce Howe et al vs. Milton E. Parker and other claimants*.

Manhattan Preacher on Time.
Promptly at noon on April 22, 1889, Henry Howe, a preacher of the gospel at Manhattan, Kan., with his daughter, Sarah, left the Kansas line. On the next day the two staked 160 acres of section 27, township 12, adjacent to Oklahoma City. On the same day, two sooners, a Miss Robb and Mr. Woodruff, contested the claim of Howe on the grounds that they were there before

he arrived. Affidavits in support of such charges were filed with the land commissioner.

At this juncture Milton E. Parker and other claimants to the property appeared. Preacher Howe decided to fight the case filed by Robb and Woodruff and employed a lawyer, John Burton of Oklahoma City, as counsel. Burton is alleged to have interested Milton E. Parker, who is said to have been an attorney. Under a provision of congress any person who gave information to the government, tending to show that false claim had been made to any land, such informant was entitled to first claim to the property.

AMERICAN PURITY CONGRESS OPENED

Columbus, O., Oct. 24.—The sixth international purity congress, under the auspices of the American Purity Federation, has been informally opened here with arrival of numerous delegates and the meeting of committees preliminary to the beginning of the general sessions. The congress will continue in session through the greater part of the week. Every phase of moral and social questions will be presented and discussed, including the white slave traffic, law enforcement, needed legislation, sex hygienic problems, suppression of vice, and rescue homes and methods.

Social reformers from many parts of the United States and Canada are present as delegates, most of them with papers upon various subjects, which they will read during the sessions. Among these are Anthony Comstock of New York, Arthur B. Farwell of Chicago, Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, D. C., Harry F. Moore of Seattle, Rev. Dr. Gordon of Winnipeg, Miss Kate Waller Barrett of Washington, D. C., Bishop John W. Hamilton of Boston, Rev. T. Albert Moore of Toronto, Rev. Madison C. Peters of Brooklyn, George L. Selon of Louisville, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis of New York, Dr. Emma H. A. Drake of Denver, and Mrs. Lulu Shepard of Salt Lake City.

Blind Makes Bible.

Gentry, Mo., Oct. 24.—To have spent seven years making a Bible with his own hands, is the feat accomplished by Rev. D. M. Spencer of Gentry, who has been blind since he was 2 years old.

In making the Bible, Rev. Mr. Spencer hired a stenographer to read to him daily while he fashioned the type. It is said the book cost him more than \$1000. It is printed in raised letters and is complete even as to punctuation marks. Besides the Bible, Rev. Mr. Spencer has made a hymn book for his use.

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ORDER DECLARING RESULT OF LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

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Saturday, September 16, 1911.

Now, at this time came on to be considered the matter of opening the polls, canvassing the returns of the votes cast and declaring the result of the special election held at the regular voting place in Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, of Potter County, Texas, on Tuesday the 5th day of September, 1911, for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, of Potter County, Texas, which election was held by virtue of a certain order of this court duly passed on the 15th day of August, 1911, and entered of record in the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court in Volume 4, at pages 488 and 489.

And the court now here opened the polls and canvassed the returns of the votes cast at said voting place in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, Potter County, Texas, at said election, and it appearing from said polls and returns of the votes that were cast at the regular voting place in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, (being election Precinct No. 5) seventeen (17) votes against prohibition, making a total of twenty-four (24) votes cast in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, at said election; and that there were cast at said election in said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, of Potter County, Texas, a majority of ten (10) votes for prohibition.

It is therefore ordered by the court that the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, of Potter County, Texas, be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited except for the purposes and under the regulations specified by law. Said Commissioners' Precinct No. 2, of Potter County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Commissioners' Precinct No. 1, and thence east with the county lines of Potter and Randall Counties, to the southeast corner of Potter County, and thence north with the east line of Potter County, and west line of Carson County, to the northeast corner of Potter County; thence west with Potter and Moore County lines to the Canadian River; thence south and west with said Canadian River to northeast corner of survey 107, Block 46, H. & T. C. R. Co. land; thence south with the east line of Precinct No. One to the place of beginning.

And it is further ordered by the court that the Clerk of this court do prepare under his hand and the seal of his office a duly certified copy of this order and deliver the same to the County Judge of this county for publication, as the law directs.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF POTTER.

I, Frank Wolfelin, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court in and for Potter County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order of the Commissioners' Court of Potter County, Texas, declaring the result of a Local Option Election, held September 5th, 1911, at the regular voting place in Commissioners' Precinct No. Two, in Potter County, Texas, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within said Commissioners' Precinct No. Two, as completely as the same is and appears of record in the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Potter County, Texas in Volume No. 4, pages 501-502.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Amarillo, Texas, this, the 5th day of October, A. D. 1911.

(Seal) FRANK WOLFELIN,
Clerk County Court and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court
of Potter County, Texas.

10-18, 10-25, 11-1, 11-8.

UNITARIANS OF NATION CONFER

More Than 1,500 Leaders of Church Gathered in Washington

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—More than 1,500 leaders of the Unitarian Church, including scores of prominent divines, gathered in Washington today for the twenty-fourth national conference of Unitarian and other Christian churches. The conference was formally opened in All Souls' Church yesterday with a sermon by Rev. James De Normandie.

This morning the first regular session of the conference will be held in Memorial Continental Hall, at which President Horace Davis of San Francisco will preside. Reports will be presented from the American Unitarian Association, the Unitarian Sunday School Society, the National Alliance of Unitarian Women, the Unitarian Temperance Society, the Unitarian Laymen's League, and the Young People's Religious Union.

The subject of "International Peace" was forcefully discussed this evening by Rev. Edward Cummings of Boston, Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago and Rev. William C. Gannett of Rochester. Wednesday morning will be devoted to the discussion of sociological problems, to which the church is devoting more attention each year. The speakers at this session will include Mrs. Florence Kelly, secretary of the National Consumers' League; R. W. Hebbard, secretary of the New York State Board of Charities; Prof. Edward C. Elliott of the University of Wisconsin, and William B. Moulton, president of the Illinois State Civil Service Commission.

President C. F. Thwing of Western Reserve University will speak on "Religion in Education" at the Wednesday evening session. On Thursday the closing address on "Church Unity" will be made by Rev. S. A. Elliot of Boston, president of the American Unitarian Association, and Rev. Minot Simons of Cleveland.

Days of Forty-Nine Recalled.

Special to Daily News.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Who has not had his heart beat faster at the thought of those romantic days when stout-hearted men braved a thousand unknown dangers to reach the gold-diggings and make the fortune "gathering up the yellow metal with pan and rocker"? Who on visiting California, would not like to see how the brave pioneers dug hundreds of millions of gold from the beds of that Golden State?

At the Panama-California International Exposition, in San Diego, the visitor will be allowed to see how those famous camps, Red Dog, Hangtown, Poverty Flat, Fiddletown, Yuba Dam and others of picturesque nomenclature, really looked.

Sam Davis, of Nevada, famous humorist, politician and club man, has been conferring with Director General D. C. Collier regarding a concession for his mining gulch. He expects to spend the next three years hunting for '49 relics, and he will have a notable museum in addition to stage coaches, lasso banks, dance halls, and other mining day features. Perhaps there will be a vigilance committee, a "shooting-up" and a horse thief hanging. Any visitor desiring to do so will be allowed to pan out some gold for himself.

Around World on Nothing.

Marion, Ind., Oct. 24.—The ground the world jaunt of Robert Matter, son of Philip Matter, Marion's wealthiest resident, taken because he was dissatisfied with his monthly allowance, is at an end. The boy has returned to his parents' home after circling the globe and traveling 30,000 miles. During the greater portion of the time he traveled in the true style of the American "hobo," working his way from place to place and stopping only long enough to secure funds to carry him to the next point.

Young Matter started his globe-trotting on January 17 under the name of "Robert Morton." The young man first signed as a tender on a London-bound cattle boat from New York. He was sick almost the entire trip, but he did not give up the idea of circling the globe. He spent some time in London, then moved to Belgium and later to Australia. He visited Egypt, Gibraltar and other places in the Old World. He worked in the Fiji and Hawaiian Islands and finally landed at Vancouver. Robert worked on a farm until he saved enough money to ride to Marion "on the cushions."

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MANITOBA MAN HUNT RECALLED

Alleged Assailant of Fair School Teacher on Trial in Canada

Morden, Man., Oct. 24.—As a sequel to the Manitoba man-hunt that attracted attention on both sides of the international boundary a few months ago, George Brown, the alleged assailant of the Riverdale school teacher, will be placed on trial at the fall assizes which begin here today.

Brown's alleged victim was Miss Gladys Price, a member of a prominent family and a young woman of excellent reputation. According to the testimony given at the preliminary hearing Brown appeared at the country school where Miss Price was engaged as a teacher a short time after she had dismissed her scholars for the day. The man was in an intoxicated condition. After overpowering the young woman he dragged her into the adjacent woods and kept her a captive there for thirty-six hours. Only after the man had fallen into a drunken stupor was his victim able to escape and make her way to a neighboring house. She was in a pitiable condition and for several days it was feared she would not survive the shock.

The young woman's story aroused the entire surrounding country and within a few hours armed posses were in pursuit of the alleged assailant. The chase extended across the border to Hannah, N. D., where Brown was arrested and later, it is said, identified by Miss Price as the man who had held her captive.

Miss Price, who has since become Mrs. Frank Patterson, is expected to be the chief witness against Brown. In addition to the more serious charge Brown will have to stand trial for the attempted murder of William Adams, a Snowflake hotel proprietor, who was shot and seriously wounded in the man-hunt.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The Mineral Wells commercial club is fostering a plan to call an election to vote on issuance of \$100,000 road bonds.

The Pecos Valley & Southern Railroad is planning to pipe mountain water to Balmorhea.

Bowls county will soon vote on issuance of \$500,000 bonds for road construction purposes.

The Pecos Commercial Club has secured signatures calling for a \$200,000 Good Roads Bond Issue in Reeves County.

McLennan County road district No. One improvement bonds to the amount of \$100,000 have been approved by the attorney general.

A million dollar bond issue will be voted on at Dallas in the early part of 1912, half to be used for street paving purposes and the remainder for a city hall.

It is reported that the International & Great Northern is granted permission to issue \$13,000,000 of bonds and that \$300,000 will be immediately spent in improvements.

The value of Texas manufactured products in 1910 was \$367,813,000. Goliad commissioners are planning to launch a road bond campaign calling for \$250,000 of bonds.

Farm demonstration work is being conducted at Haskell by A. M. Latham of the United States Department of Agriculture.

A proposition to build an interurban line between Temple and Marlin is being submitted to citizens of those cities.

The Balmorhea Commercial Association is at the head of a movement for the issuance of bonds for building good roads. A petition asking for an election will be presented at the next session of the Commissioners Court.

At the next meeting of the City Council of Pecos an election will be called to vote on issuance of \$50,000 of sewer bonds.

The baking powder factory at Deuster, which was established at that city by the activity of the Commercial Club, has proved a success and its output is not equal to the demand for its products.

New main and branch canals near Mercedes have just been completed to the extent of thirty miles, watering six thousand acres of new land.

A good roads bond issue of \$150,000 in precinct No. One was carried in a special election recently held at Wichita Falls. Three special commissioners were elected to act with the County Judge and the Commissioner. The result of this election is attributable mainly to the work of the Chamber of Commerce, which organization has been enthusiastic for the issuance of the bonds.

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